



**Buying a home that has  
earned the ENERGY STAR is  
like making a down payment  
on a cleaner world.**

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Money Isn't All You're Saving

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## WHAT IS ENERGY STAR?

ENERGY STAR® provides consumers with energy-efficient solutions—giving individuals the power to help protect our planet for future generations.

ENERGY STAR is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency. It identifies new homes and over 30 types of products that are energy efficient without

sacrificing the features, quality, and personal comfort that today's consumers expect. Products that can earn the ENERGY STAR include appliances, lighting, home office equipment, consumer electronics, and heating and cooling equipment. The ENERGY STAR label on a new home means that it is significantly more efficient than a standard home.\*

## HOMES THAT HAVE EARNED THE ENERGY STAR

Homes that have earned the ENERGY STAR perform better for you and the environment thanks to a variety of energy-efficient features that can include:

### INCREASED INSULATION

Improved and effective use of insulation helps achieve even temperatures throughout the house while using less energy. The result is lower utility costs and a quieter, more comfortable home.

### HIGH-PERFORMANCE WINDOWS

High-performance windows help keep heat in during winter and out throughout summer. They also block damaging ultraviolet sunlight that can discolor carpets and furniture.



### TIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND TIGHT DUCTS

Tight ducts and tight construction help eliminate drafts, moisture, dust, pests, and pollen. This improves comfort and the quality of indoor air, while lowering maintenance costs.

### ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT

More efficient and properly installed heating and cooling systems use less energy, which reduces utility bills. These systems also turn on and off less frequently, removing more humidity and providing better comfort.

\*ENERGY STAR labeled homes are at least 30 percent more energy efficient than homes built to the national energy code. Even in states with more rigorous energy codes, EPA ensures that ENERGY STAR remains the symbol for truly energy-efficient performance.





## BENEFITS OF OWNING AN ENERGY STAR LABELED HOME

**A Label Backed by the Government**—All ENERGY STAR labeled homes are certified to meet EPA's strict guidelines for energy efficiency. This exemplary performance is verified by an independent third party.

**Lower Utility Costs**—Compared with standard homes, ENERGY STAR labeled homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and hot water heating. Homeowners can expect to save about \$200-\$400 annually on their utility bills.

**More Comfortable/Quieter Homes**—The energy-efficient features of ENERGY STAR labeled homes keep out excessive heat, cold, and noise, and ensure consistent temperatures between and across rooms—making these homes more comfortable to live in.

**Helping to Create a Better Future**—By purchasing an ENERGY STAR labeled home, you are joining millions of consumers who have changed to ENERGY STAR, helping our nation reduce our energy needs and building a cleaner environment for the future.

## HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Did you know that your home can be a greater source of pollution than your car? In fact, 15 percent of all greenhouse gases are generated from the energy used in houses nationwide.

Energy used in our homes often comes from the burning of fossil fuels at power plants, which contributes to a host of air pollution problems, including smog, acid rain, and global warming. Simply put, the less energy we use in our homes, the less air pollution we generate.

**Just one ENERGY STAR labeled home can keep 4,500 pounds of greenhouse gases out of our air each year.**

For more information about ENERGY STAR labeled homes, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

The ENERGY STAR label for new homes is managed by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

